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PRAISES SUNG OF THE GOOD OLD STEEDS OF DAYS OF LONG AGO

THERE are a few old kamaainas whose names should not pass unrecorded, says a writer in the July Humane Educator. They play an important part in the social history of Hawaii and contributed not a little to the happiness of its inhabitants in those old days when four-footed friends were rare and a good riding-horse hard to find. The principal recreation of those early times was horseback riding, and the happy possessor of a good horse was consequently much envied and frequently called upon to share his good fortune with others.

A generous spirit pervaded the community and borrowing and lending was one of the institutions of the day. Very rarely was this spirit of good-fellowship imposed upon, for in those ideal times the horse was often as much beloved by the borrower as by the lender.

Conspicuous among the old friends whom the writer remembers distinctly was Mrs. Pugh's "Jerry"—a beautiful white horse with a long tail, for there was no docking done in those days. He was a general favorite on account of his easy gait, as he was what is now called a single-footer. Another kamaaina, "Isidore," by name, was also much in demand on account of her gentleness and other good qualities. She was an iron gray and was brought in a ship from Mazatlan and given to Polly Holmes, one of Mrs. Cunha's ancestors. The writer well remembers, among the early disappointments of life, when, having been promised a ride on Isidore on the return of her mother, she sat with her riding dress on the whole afternoon and when at last Isidore and her mother appeared she was told that the horse was too tired to go anywhere and must be taken directly home. This meant only a short trip from Kawahāho to the Austin block on King street, where Polly Holmes then resided in a beautiful thatched cottage, and the ride there and back again seemed but a poor compensation for the tedious waiting.

"Rosenante," a beautiful black horse, often ridden by Mrs. Dimond and Mrs. Judd, was the property of Governor Kekunua. He was a spirited horse and had the peculiarity of being very fond of his home. The old Governor then lived at Manakiki, on the spot where Hackfeld & Co. now have their building. Sometimes this love of home made Rosenante very troublesome, as he was never known to go by the place without a struggle. When once safely past he was well worth the contest, for he could speed over the plains and down the path, now known as Bereiania street, most delightfully. Then there was "Daniel Dancer," who belonged to Luualilo's mother, rightly named on account of his prancing qualities. He was a little too lively for most of the ladies and so frequently escaped the misery of the old-time side-saddle. In the early forties he was given to Mrs. Judd, and ended his days in the green pastures of Nuuanu valley. Having lived beyond the time allotted to most horses, he was found dead one morning on the spot now occupied by Mr. S. W. Ballou's colonial mansion.

Last, but not least, there were the Mission horses, conspicuous for usefulness if not for speed. One who filled up the measure of his days with good work, and who died at a good old age, was named "Kauka," and belonged to Dr. Judd. He was first owned by Mr. Ellis in the thirties and was indeed a valuable member of the Judd family. He and Father Castle's "Billy" and the Chamberlins' "Lady Gray" and one or two others whose names escape recollection, should have a united monument erected to their memories for their efforts in general meeting time were untiring and many a load of the Fathers and Mothers have they carried across the dusty plains to Punahoa and other suburbs. To the missionaries from the far-off Islands of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai how delightful were those rides and to the children from those distant lands more wonderful was the sight of a carriage than the automobile or wireless telegraphy of the present day.

NEED OF LABORERS ON PLANTATIONS

John M. Horner Urges Government to Relieve the Pressure.

Editor Advertiser:—It must be admitted our labor for productive business is in rather an unsatisfactory condition, and brought on by the unwise act of Congress in freeing all laborers brought into these Islands since August, 1898. This act, and the confusion and loss resulting from it, seems too small and unbecoming to a great nation like the United States, when all would have adjusted themselves in a few months had they been permitted to do so, without loss to any.

This confusion and loss has been fostered by the planters refusing to co-operate to maintain the status of their labor as it existed up to within a few weeks. Had this been done all could have retained their help without a rise in wages, as a raise in wages has encouraged more to labor or to do better quality of work or more of it, but the consensus of opinion is that since wages were raised more laborers have "lain in" and many who did work worked reluctantly, particularly those whose contracts were canceled and wages raised, showing clearly the raise of wages done no good. On some plantations the whole force of freed laborers quit work for several days.

Aside from the Government and the refusal of the planters to co-operate, there have been other matters that have caused discontent among day laborers and their raise of wages, viz., "profit sharing," "cultivating cane on shares," "raising cane by contract," etc. This has been going on on rather a small scale until quite recently. When some planters, like the foolish virgins, neglected supplying oil for their lamps until it got too late, and fearing a deficient supply of labor, seized upon the idea of having their cane raised by contract, honestly believing Chinese and Japanese could raise cane cheaper than they. Besides, they had heard of some good results from that idea. So they began to give out contracts largely to Tom, Dick, Harry and others upon the best terms.

We have heard the first year that some contractors had realized \$20 per month, some \$25, some \$30, and some over \$40 per month. This being known among the workmen, they demand higher wages. They did not wish to work for \$16 or even \$18 per month when they could make sure \$20 per month, and perhaps \$40 by raising cane by contract. This has forced up wages and made laborers discontented and uncertain. This has worked to a greater or less extent against most of the plantations, even those giving out contracts are not exempt from its evil influence. These have all assisted to demoralize labor, making less labor available, and what there is of less value.

Whatever may be the cause, the point is clear, some plantations are short of help and must suffer severe loss if a remedy is not soon available. The only relief in sight is for the Government to stop public improvements for a few months, or longer if necessary. The few thousand laborers thus let loose would be ample to relieve the present pressure. Roads, streets and some other contemplated improvements could be permitted to remain as they have existed the past ages. If so left the people will suffer less than they will if the plantations are crippled in their output of the wealth that sustains all our business and people.

We think our Island Government owes this to the business community and the plantations, as the wealth of these Islands came from the soil, and nearly all the labor that has produced this wealth have been brought in by the plantations, and the Government revenues are largely collected from the plantations and the wealth they have created. And it seems unwise under the circumstances that the revenue should be used against the plantations by hiring their labor for public improvements which could be deferred without injury to any, and if so postponed no doubt many of the laborers would again find employment in wealth production on the plantations, and thus enable them to finish their harvesting and planting in good season at small loss.

I hear some European governments, when crises occur among farm laborers at harvest time, they send their soldiers into the field to assist the farmers in gathering their crops, and methinks our Island Government could assist as indicated without injury or loss of dignity.

J. M. HORNER.

The Transvaal Government, according to the Lourenço Marques correspondent of the Times, is reduced to severe financial straits and is endeavoring to meet the emergency with treasury bills, but the people refuse to accept them.

HUMANE EDUCATOR A MODEL NUMBER

An English Gallant Uniformed Would Wed the Editor.

A model number is the July issue of the Humane Educator just from the press of the Hawaiian Gazette Company. The editor, Mrs. Helen Wilder Craft, has filled its pages with very reliable and instructive stories of animal life. There is humor besides instruction as the following will testify. It is an exact copy of a letter which is one of many received by the Editor of the Humane Educator:

Jarrow, April 29th, 1900.
Dear Miss Wilder:
I was just looking at a paper when I was away on my holidays at the Easter times and I seen were you had joined the Police force out there in that city of the Pacific Islands which is called Honolulu and I thought I would make reply to you if there would be any chance of you, you could let me know if you are engaged. I am just on the look out for a young girl. I think if you and me was both on the police we would do well, you could write and let me know the conditions of getting on over there I have a good character and can get you one from A. I. P. My age is 29 past, my height is 5 feet 9 1/2 inches in my stockings chest measurement 38 1/2 inches, weight about 13 stone. I think you must of had great courage in joining the police force. I am of decent respectable parents. I will be wishing to hear from you soon, if you please you could reply by letter.
Yours Sincerely yours
THOMAS MARKS,
21 Shakespere St. Jarrow-on-Tyne, England.

The following letter evinces the standing of the Honolulu Society in New York:

My Dear Mrs. Craft:—I wish to congratulate you upon your success as an editor. The Humane Educator is very attractive indeed and I am sure will be the means of accomplishing a great deal of good for the cause.

I have ordered an emblem similar to the one used by you with the name of your Society, which I think you may find useful for your publication. Pardon me for criticising your present one, which I think is not at all artistic. It was taken from ours originally, but not well copied.

Yours very truly,
JOHN P. HAINES,
Pres. A. S. P. C. A., and Editor Our Animal Friends, N. Y.

HEDGED IN BY SCHEDULE.

Board of Fire Insurance Underwriters Replies to Government

During the meeting of department heads held in the Governor's office yesterday morning Mr. McCandless gave the answer of the Board of Underwriters which had been requested to put insurance rates so high that it would prohibit the erection of cheap frame buildings in the old Chinatown district. The answer was in effect that although they were anxious to help the Government out they were unable to comply with such a request entirely. They had stated they could and would put up their rates as high as it lay in their power to do so under their schedule, but beyond doing this they were powerless. It is their desire, as well as the government's, to see buildings go up in this district which will be a credit to the city, and not be a menace. Fireproof buildings is what they would desire.

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